

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for foreign priority, and for indicating that the certified copy of the priority document has been received. In this regard, Applicant notes that the certified copy of the priority document was forwarded by the International Bureau to the U.S. Receiving Office.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating his consideration of the documents listed in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on October 27, 2006, and for noting that the filed drawings have been accepted.

In the Office Action, claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being narrative and indefinite. By the current response, Applicant amends the claims, paying particular attention to the concerns raised by the Examiner. In this regard, Applicant notes that support for the revisions to the claims may be found, for example, at paragraphs [0078] to [0082], [0089] to [0096], [0104] to [0114], and Figs. 3, 7 and 11 of the publication of the present application (e.g., U.S. Application Publication No. 2008-0289018). No prohibited new matter has been added. In view of the present amendments to the claims, Applicants submit that the grounds for the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection no longer exist, and respectfully request that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant also respectfully traverses the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 1-18 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004-0078565 to HOFMEISTER et al.

According to the present invention, as defined by claim 1, information, including terminal

application identification information for identifying a terminal application, is received from a gate equipment when a secure device enters a range of communication of the gate equipment, and transmitting a request for installation of the terminal application, and the terminal application to a terminal when authentication with the gate equipment is successful. According to this claimed configuration, it is assumed that authentication with a gate equipment is successful when the secure device passes the gate equipment, so that it is possible for the gate equipment, secure device and terminal apparatus to set, and change in unison, card functions of the secure device and functions of the terminal apparatus to correlate with the location, and, consequently, ensure greater security. See, for example, paragraph [0018] of Applicant's U.S. publication.

In order to reject the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102, HOFMESITER et al. must disclose each and every feature recited in each pending claim. Applicant submits that several features specified in Applicant's claims are not taught by HOFMEISTER et al. For example, the Examiner asserts (see page 3 of the Office Action) that HOFMEISTER et al. disclose installing, at a terminal, a terminal application designated by the gate equipment in the event that authentication between an authenticator and the gate equipment is successful. Applicant respectfully submits that this assertion is erroneous.

Applicant submits that HOFMEISTER et al. discloses that an authentication system executes an application in the event that the application requested to be executed is not stored in a revocation list and a certificate associated with the application is stored in a certificate list store. See, for example, paragraphs [0021] to [0025] of HOFMEISTER et al. In HOFMEISTER et al., the authentication system is incorporated in a terminal. Thus, Applicant submits that HOFMEISTER et al. fails to disclose (let alone suggest), for example, receiving information

including terminal application identification information to identify a terminal application, from a gate equipment when a secure device enters a range of communication of the gate equipment. Applicant submits that HOFMEISTER et al. also fails to disclose, for example, transmitting a request for installation of the terminal application, and the terminal application to a terminal when authentication with the gate equipment is successful.

By the current amendment, Applicant amends independent claim 1 to clarify that a receiver receives information, including terminal application identification information that identifies a terminal application, from a gate equipment when a secure device enters a range of communication of the gate equipment, that a controller outputs a request for installation of the terminal application to the transmitter when authentication between an authenticator and the gate equipment is successful, and that a transmitter transmits a request for installation to a terminal and transmits the terminal application to the terminal when the secure device enters the range of communication of the gate equipment. As at least these features are lacking from HOFMEISTER et al., Applicant submits that independent claim 1, along with its dependent claims, are allowable over the applied art of record, and respectfully requests such an indication in the next official communication.

Applicant submits that independent claims 2, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 14 have been amended in a manner similar to that discussed above with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that these claims, along with their associated dependent claims, are also allowable for the reasons set forth above with respect to the discussion of claim 1.

In view of the current amendment, Applicant submits that pending claims 1-16 are allowable over the applied art of record. The Examiner is thus requested to withdraw the 35

U.S.C. §102 rejection of the claims, to indicate the allowability of claims 1-16, and to pass this application to issue.

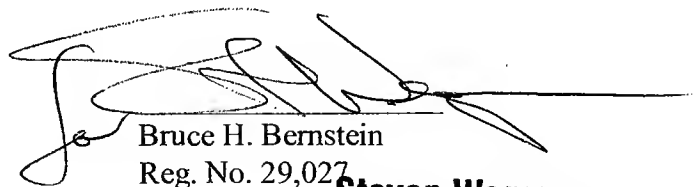
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner's action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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